



# Veterans Voice

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## Veteran's Spotlight

*Dr. James Myers*

The Veterans' Voice would like to spotlight Dr. James Myers. He was born on February 21, 1918 to Martin and Mary Myers in Valatie, New York. Jim grew up in the small community with 3 sisters and 2 brothers. His father ran the cotton mill, often allowing Jim an "opportunity" to learn the value of hard work at the mill. After completing grade school in Valatie, Jim rode the train to Albany High School. He then received his degree from Saint Michael's College in Winooski, Vermont. He was accepted by several medical schools, deciding to attend the St. Louis University Medical School. He completed his internship at St. John's Hospital in St. Louis during WW II. Upon completion, Uncle Sam called to him to serve in the Army, serving from 9-14-1944 to 10-22-1946. He completed basic training in Carlisle, PA, and could go no longer before marrying his dear wife, Mary. His first assignment was at Crile General Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. It wasn't long before he was sent to Ft. Bragg, NC, which always meant you were headed overseas. He was then stationed in Trier, Germany in an evacuation hospital. He was later sent to France to prepare for placement in the South Pacific. While he was enroute, the war ended and his ship re-routed to Boston.

Upon discharge from the Army, Dr. Myers spent a few months in Georgia, before deciding to return to Missouri. In 1947, Dr. Myers opened his general practice in Rolla, MO. In addition to his practice, he was a staff physician at the University of Missouri at Rolla for 36 years, serving his final 15 years there as Director of UMR's Student Health Services. Throughout his life, "Doc"



remained active in the community. He especially enjoyed singing in the choir at the Lutheran Church. His wife bragged that he had a beautiful tenor voice, always singing "O Holy Night" for the Christmas service. "Doc" bought a farm and raised registered Herefords. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and was an avid golfer. Dr. Myers and his wife had opportunity to travel much of the world, including places such as Africa, South America, Europe, Scotland, China (to study acupuncture) and Israel.

Dr. James Myers moved to the St. James Missouri Veterans Home on June 10, 2002. He especially enjoys listening to various music programs and spending time with his wife. "Doc" is the father of one daughter, Julie Pederson

**Missouri Veterans Home**  
620 North Jefferson  
St. James, MO 65559

## Mark your Calendars

**The Vietnam Moving Wall**

August 3-7 — Missouri Veterans Home grounds

**Midwest Drifters Motorcycle Club Poker Run**

Midwest Drifters Motorcycle Club Poker Run  
Saturday, August 5 — Details inside

**Highway 30 Car Club Classic Car Display**

Saturday, September 9 — Details inside

**Missouri Veterans Home Float in St. James Grape & Fall Festival Parade**

Saturday, September 9 at 11 a.m.

Questions regarding any of these events, please contact:  
Sandy Pauley, Supervisor of Volunteer Services  
573-265-3271, Ext. 257



*Submitted by Linda Spurgeon,  
Director of Social Services*

## Missouri Veterans Home Census

100 World War II Veterans  
38 Korean Conflict Veterans  
14 Vietnam Era Veterans

5 Serving in two wartimes  
1 Serving in three wartimes



# Sixth Annual Missouri Veterans Home Assistance League Golf Tournament was a BIG SUCCESS!

The success of the Missouri Veterans Home Assistance League Golf Tournament is credited to our awesome 2006 Golf Committee and all the wonderful supporters.

The committee began their work approximately five months ago. Each

member spent hours soliciting from area businesses, organizations and/or individuals for sponsorships and donations to be used for golf prizes or our silent auction. June 5th their efforts paid off.

Seventy-two golfers took to the course at noon after enjoying a great

lunch put together by our dietary manager, Robert Terry, assisted by Amber Cosby.

Approximately twenty of our veterans were able to come out to the golf

course for lunch and see the golfers tee and the lucky 50/50 winner while the flight winners were being determined. The flight winners were as follows:



**Hole #9 Longest Putt on the Green**  
Dave McKee



**Hole #6 Closest to the Line: Women's Division**  
Lori Moss



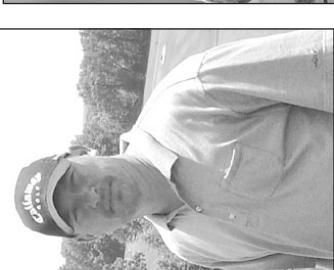
**Hole #6 Closest to the Line: Men's Division**  
Steve Russell



**Hole #5 Closest to the Pin**  
Bill Schmidt



**Hole #4 Longest Drive: Women's Division**  
Martha Ford



**Hole #4 Longest Drive: Men's Division**  
David Gutknecht



**Hole #3 Closest to the Pin**  
Kevin Veik

The participants still had time to finalize their silent auction bids or purchase a 50/50 cash drawing ticket



**A Flight – First Place:**  
Ryan Morris, Scott Caron, Dr. Dennis Goodman,  
General Arvid West



**A Flight – Third Place:**  
Craig Elsner, Steve Russell, Mike Burch, Steve Black



**A Flight – Second Place:**  
Dave McKee, Kevin Allen, Mitch Esquivel, Kevin Veik



**B Flight – First Place:**  
Bryan Johnson, Marcus Payne, Bob Diestelkamp,  
Todd DeGraffenreid



**B Flight – Second Place:**  
Mike Livesay, Harvey Richards, Miles Beckett, Ray Lewis



**B Flight – Third Place:**  
Rich Cardetti, Paul Schuler, Craig Ubben, Greg Flint



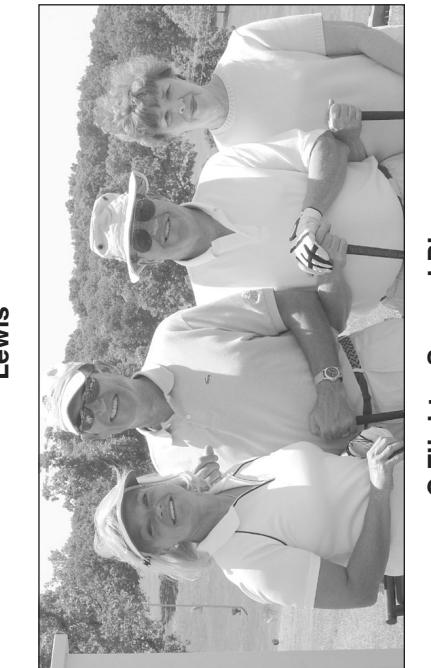
**C Flight – First Place:**  
Gene Faenger, Al Faenger, Scott Faenger, Barb Faenger



**C Flight – Second Place:**  
Elaine Manion, Bill Marion, Bob Harris, Carolyn Harris



**C Flight – Third Place:**  
Donald Brown, Bill Schmidt,





**Jo Richards, Wendy Young, Cathy Allen, Lori Moss**



**Matt Wools, Lowell Wynn, Phil Stambaugh, A.T. Wools**



**Glen Ford, Martha Ford, Rae Jean Hart, Nelson Hart**



**Bryan Hunt, Kim Harris, Kim Cleeton, Hal Dulle**



**Larry Thomas, Robert Stoltz, Bill Stoltz, Bob Stoltz**



**John Skelton, Mickey Hawks, Scott Skelton, Paul Skelton**



**David Parker, Ben Gibson, Randy Mace, David Gutknecht**



**Neal Pryor, CH Lyecke, Don Graham, Bob May**



**Vernon Miller, Mike Wools, Ollie Hoelzer, Wilbur Falke**

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# Sixth Annual Resident/Family Picnic

Canopies, tables and chairs scattered around the grounds of MVH on Saturday, June 3rd in preparation of the Sixth Annual Resident/Family Picnic. The weather couldn't have been more perfect—it was beautiful.

nic. We appreciate the wonderful continuous support of all the troops stationed at Fort Leonard Wood.

Arriving bright and early at 7 a.m. Christina Steen, Donnetta Iven, Betty Turner and Sandy Pauley worked steadily putting the finishing touches on all the tables leaving little flags waving in the air. Our cooks Stanley Ritz, Randy Iven and Bob Terry were equally busy at the grills preparing the delicious brats and hamburgers.

It was 10 a.m. before we knew it. Terry King with her Tattered Karaoke was getting their sound system equipment and voice all geared up for an afternoon of great entertainment. Our three hundred guests, fifty plus troops and fifty staff and volunteers were starting to arrive. Captain Andy Rogers, instructor for the Military Police Officer Basic Course at Fort Leonard Wood, accompanied his forty seven MOMP students. Amongst the forty seven were active duty Army, National Guards, Reservists and six international students from Saudi Arabia, Brazil, Czech Republic, West Africa and Naples. Lance Corporal Bridges along with ten of his basic Military Police trainees were also able to join us. These students filled in for family members that were unable to attend. This helped to ensure to all our veterans would have a guest for the picnics.

We also conducted a 50/50 cash drawing where the proceeds would go to the Staff Appreciation Fund. Thanks to everyone that supported this fundraiser. Steve Russell was the winner for the day. However, the Staff Appreciation Fund ended up the big winner when Steve donated his winnings back. Thanks Steve!

It would not be possible to host an event such as our Annual Resident/Family Picnic and have it flow so smoothly without the help of staff and volunteers. The Staff and volunteers are always willing to go the extra mile for our veterans.

I would like to thank the following individuals for making the 2006 Annual Resident/Family Picnic a time our veterans and families will cherish.



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May 1998



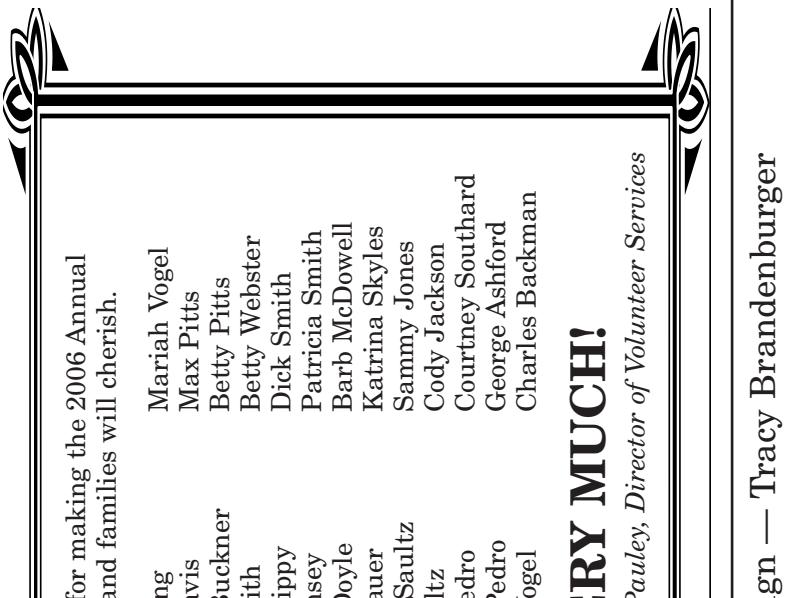
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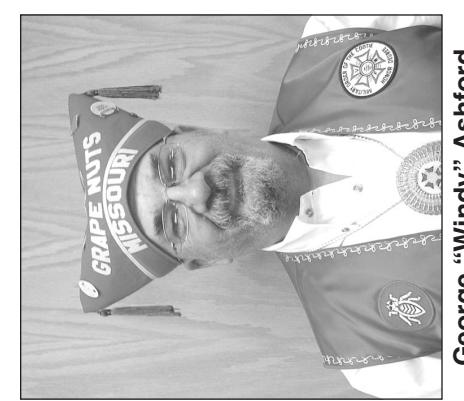
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# Welcome volunteers to Missouri Veterans Home

We are excited to welcome aboard seven new and two returned volunteers to our team. We hope each of you will have a rewarding experience while serving those who served our great country preserving the freedom we have and love.

The staff and residents at the Missouri Veterans Home greatly appreciate all our volunteers. Thanks to each of you for what you do each and every day for our veterans.

May 9th, Kim works one Saturday every other month. We are so grateful to her for her desire to serve our veterans. Thanks Kim for making time in your already full schedule to give back.



**George "Windy" Ashford**

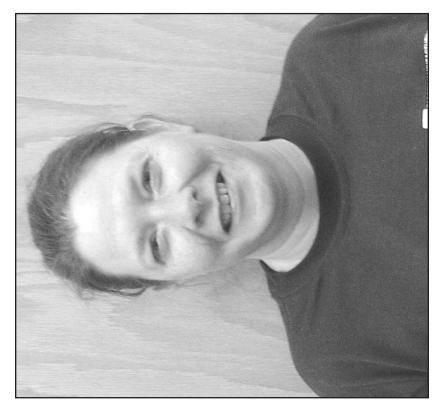
May 9th was a great day for recruiting volunteers. Ruben Armenta completed the necessary orientation to begin giving of his time to our veterans. He has signed up as one of our crossing guards. Working long hours at his job at least four days a week, he is often off on Fridays. So Ruben selected Friday mornings as a time to help out. Thank you Ruben for standing out in the hot sun aiding to the safety of our veterans.

George "Windy" Ashford joined the volunteer team at MVH on May 9th. He has put a new meaning to volunteering. George is here at any and every time assistance is needed. He never runs down. He is here early in the morning to help with breakfast. He goes on outings with the veterans. He works as a crossing guard one morning a week which provides our veterans safety when crossing the busy intersection. He has become quite the MVH fish cleaner. George is a delight to be around. He is always cheerful. His compassion to assist is displayed by his willingness to put in so many hours during the week. Thanks George for moving to the St. James area. Mostly thank you for your cheerful service to our veterans and staff.



**Janet Barlar**

Janet Barlar is another lady answering the call for the need of Saturday Canteen Volunteers. In May, Janet along with three other friends, committed to seeing that the second Saturday of each month our veterans, staff and guest have the canteen available to them for four hours. Thanks Janet.



**Kim Armenta**

Kim Armenta decided to give back a little to our veterans by answering to the call of help for Saturday Canteen Workers. Joining our volunteer team on

ing one afternoon a week driving from Cuba to visit our veterans. Kenneth relocated to the Sullivan MO area while his health was not what he had hoped it to be. Kenneth did not forget everyone at the Missouri Veterans Home.

When he got to feeling better he gave us a call and said, "I'm ready to come back if you'll have me". Of course we were glad to have Mr. Kelley back. The veterans enjoy having him around. He enjoys joking around with them and he likes to keep staff laughing as well. Welcome back Mr. Kelley.



**Kenneth Kelley**

**Mary Spurgeon**

**Kenneth Kelley**

We would like to welcome

Joan Glenn

**Ruthie Bischoff**

ciate each of you.



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## 2006 MVH Wish List

### Priority #1 Items

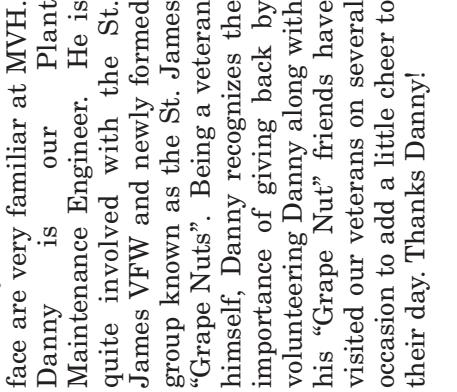
- Fireworks Display for Residents — (\$1000.00 yearly)
- Halloween Candy for Residents to hand out — (\$1000.00 yearly)
- Adopt a Vet for the Holidays (\$35.00 per veteran) (\$5,250.00)
- Television Fund (replace TVs in Veterans rooms as needed) (\$3000.00)
- 2 Big Screen TV (Resident Pod Areas) — (\$1700.00 each = \$3400.00)
- DVD/VHS Movies for Library Video Center — (ongoing expense)
- (DVDs or VHS can be donated or monetary donations for purchase)

### Priority #2 Items

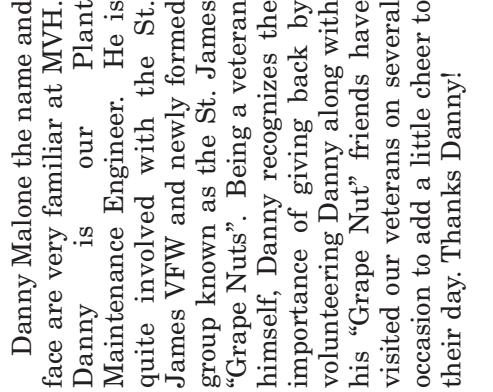
- Resident/Family Holiday Dinner — (\$1500.00 yearly)
- Resident/Family Picnic — (\$1500.00 yearly)
- Funds for Veterans Fishing Trips — (ongoing expense)
- Magazine Subscriptions for Library — (ongoing expense)

To avoid duplications, please contact Sandy Pauley, Volunteer Services at 573-265-3271, Extension 257.

If you or your organization are interested in donating towards anything on the list, no donation is ever too small. We appreciate your continuous support. All checks should be payable to the MVH Assistance League and please earmark for the item(s) you wish to purchase or make a donation towards the purchase. Donations that are not earmarked will be placed in the general account. St. James Missouri Veterans Home staff will take care of the ordering.

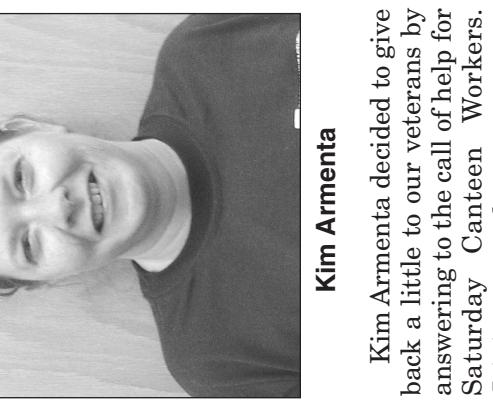


**Danny Malone**



**Joan Glenn**

Danny Malone the name and face are very familiar at MVH. Danny is our Plant Maintenance Engineer. He is quite involved with the St. James VFW and newly formed group known as the St. James "Grape Nuts". Being a veteran himself, Danny recognizes the importance of giving back by volunteering. Danny along with his "Grape Nut" friends have visited our veterans on several occasions to add a little cheer to their day. Thanks Danny!



**Ruthie Bischoff**

Ruthie Bischoff joined the MVH volunteer team on May 9th. She is one of the wonderful four ladies covering the canteen on the second Saturday of each month. Ruthie is active in the St. James VFW Auxiliary and realizes the importance of serving those who once served us. Ruthie and friends are doing a super job and we appreciate

# The Vietnam Moving Wall

"IF YOU ARE ABLE,  
SAVE FOR THEM A PLACE  
INSIDE OF YOU . . .

AND SAVE ONE BACKWARD GLANCE  
WHEN YOU ARE LEAVING  
FOR THE PLACES THEY CAN  
NO LONGER GO . . .

BE NOT ASHAMED TO SAY

YOU LOVED THEM,  
THOUGH YOU MAY  
OR MAY NOT HAVE ALWAYS . . .  
TAKE WHAT THEY HAVE LEFT  
AND WHAT THEY HAVE TAUGHT YOU  
WITH THEIR DYING

AND KEEP IT WITH YOUR OWN . . .  
AND IN THAT TIME  
WHEN MEN DECIDE AND FEEL SAFE  
TO CALL WAR INSANE,  
TAKE ONE MOMENT TO EMBRACE  
THOSE GENTLE HEROES  
YOU LEFT BEHIND . . .  
WRITTEN BY:

MAJOR MICHAEL DAVIS O'DONNELL  
From VIETNAM, JANUARY 1, 1970  
Reported missing in action MARCH 24, 1979

AUGUST  
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# Summer Youth Volunteer Program

The Missouri Veterans Home Summer Youth Volunteer Program got off to a start on Wednesday, May 24th with orientation. Twenty youth between the ages of 11-15 completed seven hours of orientation and were eager to get started.

The Summer Youth Volunteer Program helps teaching responsibility as well as teaching them a sense of giving back to their community. It has been a rewarding program for both our veterans and youth involved. The youth perform various tasks for the veterans—helping in the canteen, carrying lunch trays, cleaning tables, refilling table condiments, assisting with activities and the list goes on and on. If there is a need our youth are willing to help out.

Let me tell you a little about each of our youth starting with our first year youth volunteers.

**Olivia Elliott**  
Olivia is 11 years old. She will be entering the 6th grade in Salem this fall. She enjoys basketball, farming and shooting. She is active in her church youth group and 4-H group. Olivia is the daughter of our accountant Debbie Elliott. Olivia works two days a week. The veterans enjoy her kind well-mannered spirit. She shows respect to everyone and is a real pleasure to have in our summer program. One thing to remember about Olivia—don't get her tickled when she has the hiccups. Trisha and I had the pleasure of helping her get rid of them. It was quite comical.

**Kara Mead**  
Kara is 12 years old. She will be entering the 7th grade this fall. Kara loves animals, playing volleyball and basketball, swimming, sewing and games. Kara is another youth that tries to please by doing a super job. We hope Kara will really enjoy her experience this year and return next year for the summer program.

**Zach Gibson**  
Zach is 11 years old. He will be entering the 6th grade in St. James this fall. Zach is a real joy to take on any BIG task at hand. Zach is cheerful and anxious to help anyone in need. A real joy to

Ashley is 15 years old. She will be entering the 9th grade in St. James this fall. Ashley enjoys swimming, camping and caving. She enjoys visiting with the veterans and being with the other youth volunteers. Thanks Ashley for wanting to give a little of your summer to our veterans.

Now for those youth that enjoyed their first year so much they returned for a second year.

**Courtney Southard**  
Courtney and working on the computer. Courtney enjoyed her first day at MVH so much she couldn't wait to come back. She talked her parents into one session of summer school instead of two. I've been told summer school is nothing like it used to be. It is now pretty fun. However, Courtney preferred being at MVH. Courtney strives hard to fulfill the expectations of the program.

**Richie Kemper**  
Richie is 15 years old. He will be entering the 10th grade in St. James this fall. Richie enjoys hunting. Richie is quiet and serious. He takes pride in his task taking the time to complete every one of them correctly. Richie is a well-mannered young man and conducts himself in a professional manner. He will make an employer a great employee someday.

**Candice Veo**  
Candice is 11 years old. She will be entering the 6th grade at Rolla this fall. Candice enjoys cheerleading, basketball and helping people in need. She is the granddaughter of Verlee Foust our Activity Aide II. Candice is a very petite young lady. However, don't let that fool you, she is very vocal. Guess she takes after Grandma Verlee. Candice is also very compassionate, another grandma trait. Residents enjoy visiting with Candice, she brings a smile to their faces.

**Samuel "Sammy" Jones**  
Sammy is 13 years old. He will be entering the 7th grade in Steelville this fall. Sammy enjoys karate and playing Nintendo. He is the son of one of our night shift supervisors, Christina Jones. Sammy makes time to fit into his already busy summer to works a couple afternoons a week at MVH. He always comes in with a big smile on his face and ready to make the most of the afternoon and usually does.

**Shelby Doyle**  
Shelby is 12 years old. She will be entering the 8th grade in St. James this fall. Shelby enjoys playing the flute. Besides volunteering Shelby is busy this summer with taking swimming lessons and helping her mom with her little sister. Shelby works several afternoons a week. She comes into work with a smile on her face ready to help wherever she is needed. Sweet and courteous describes Shelby. Although Shelby enjoys volunteering during the summer months she hopes she will be traveling to Brazil during the 2007 summer months to spend time with her grandma. She has not seen her grandmother for five years. We will miss Shelby being here but sure hope she gets to be with her grandma.

**Jennifer Haffer**  
Jennifer is 12 years old. She will be entering the 7th grade in St. James this fall. Jennifer enjoys volleyball and playing the trumpet. She keeps busy with her church activities.



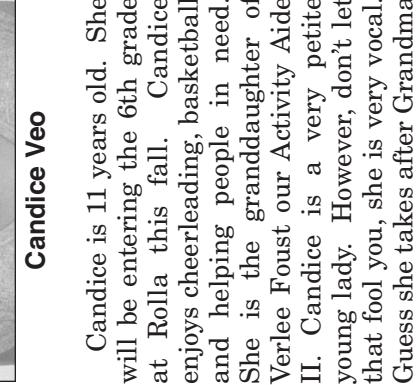
**Zach Gibson**



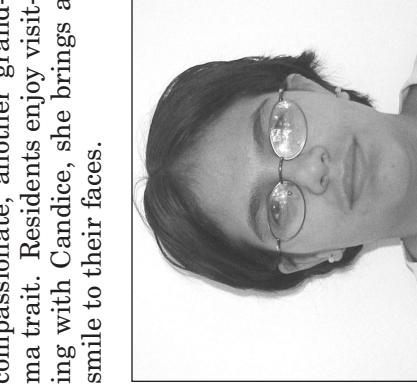
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**Kara Mead**



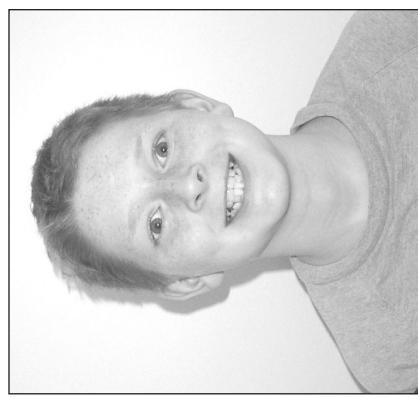
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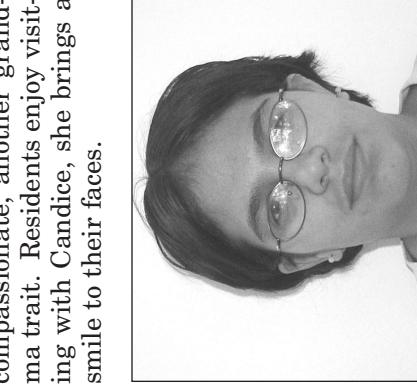
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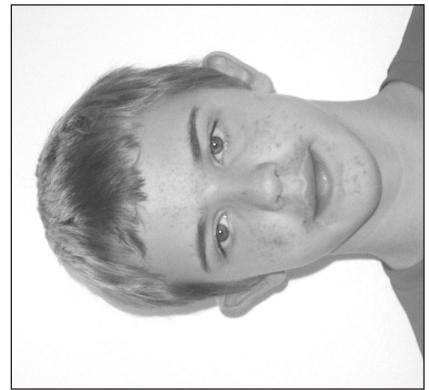
Jennifer is a leader and tends to always lead by being a good example. She loves to talk and is eager to listen to what the veterans have to say. Jennifer is going to be competing in the Pre Teen Scholarship and Recognition Program at Jefferson City in September. I have no doubt she will do a fine job. Best of luck Jennifer.

**Samuel "Sammy" Jones**  
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**Brandon MacFarlane**  
Brandon is 12 years old. He will be entering the 7th grade in St. James this fall. Brandon works four afternoons a week. Resident and staff enjoy having him around. Brandon is a breath of fresh air with his sincere politeness he demonstrates every time he enters the doors of MVH. He is not just respectful and polite some of the time—he is always! If Brandon keeps heading down the same path he is now, he will make some one a great employee some day or even a great boss! Thank you Brandon.

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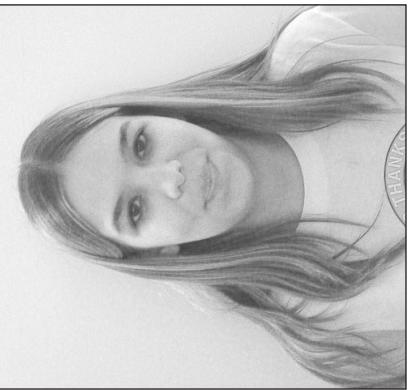
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**Dustin Wallace**

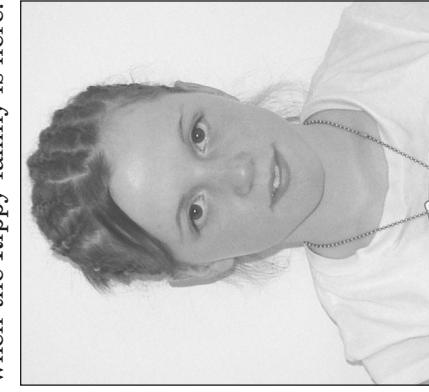
is so serious you don't know he is joking. Dustin usually works four full days a week either riding his bike or walking each day—rain or shine.

We have two youth that have been with the program for three years now.



**Sara Roskowske**

Sara is 13 years old. She will be entering the 9th grade in St. James this fall. Sara is active in her 4-H club. She occasionally will play her violin when her dad's group comes to entertain our veterans. She works two mornings a week. Sara is not the shy youth she was when she started three summers ago. She has confidence in her abilities and volunteering.



**Camaron Southard**

Camaron is 12 years old. She will be entering the 6th grade in Rolla this fall. Camaron works two days a week. She is the granddaughter of Betty Evans, one of our CNAs. Camaron enjoys visiting with our veterans and makes a great bingo card watcher.

Dustin is 14 years old. He will be entering the 9th grade in St. James this fall. Dustin enjoys football, basketball, playing video games and doing exercise. Dustin has a good heart and tries very hard at the tasks given him. He enjoys joking around, and sometimes he

any task given her with little supervision if any. Katrina is the daughter of one of our evening nurses, Mary Skyles, and the niece of Carla Scantlin, one of our laundry gals. It is a real pleasure to have Katrina in the program again this year. It's really neat to see these young people grow. She very well could be one of our future employees at MVH and I would say a good dependable one at that.

**Trisha Rippy**

Trisha is 12 years old. She will be entering the 7th grade this fall. She is home schooled by her parents. She enjoys playing the piano and has a very pretty voice to listen to when singing. Trisha works three to four days a week. She will put in as many hours as her parents will allow. Trisha has a kind, compassionate spirit. She will always make sure everyone is included and welcomed no matter what the day has in store for the youth volunteers. Trish helps me not forget or overlook any details regarding the daily work schedule. Although this is only Trisha's second year with the youth program many of the residents and staff have known her for several years. Trish along with her four siblings and parents Pastor Craig and Becky Rippy have conducted church services for our veterans over the years. Veterans and staff look forward to and enjoy it when the Rippy family is here.



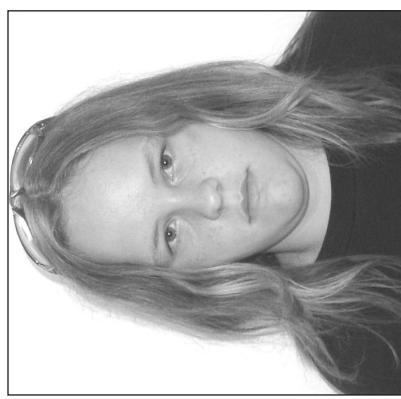
**Danee Rippy**

enjoys playing the piano and violin. She has a beautiful service.



**Cody Jackson**

Cody is 15 years old. He will be entering the 10th grade in St. James this fall. Cody enjoys working with computers, paintball, playing the guitar, hanging out with friends and his volunteer work. He works four days a week. Residents enjoy joking around with him. Thanks Cody for caring about our veterans in wanting to serve them by volunteering.



**Ashley Richardson**

Ashley is 14 years old. She will be entering the 8 grade in St. James this fall. Ashley is the daughter of one of our employees, Tammy Bonebrake, who works in our Medical Records department. Ashley tends to be a leader. She gives good instructions and assistance to other youth volunteers. Ashley is enjoyable to be around. We appreciate her continuous volunteer service to our veterans.

Danee is 15 years old. She will be entering the 10th grade this fall. Danee is home schooled by her parents. She

voice to listen to when she sings. She also enjoys playing games and visiting with residents. Danee is well liked by both staff and residents. This is due to her kind personality. She does her best in whatever is assigned to her and never complains about anything. Danee volunteers only on Mondays because she is busy with her summer job the rest of the week. Danee shows kindness as well as professionalism when she is at MVH. We are so pleased and grateful for her service.

## Wheelchair bags & clothing protectors needed

We are looking for individuals or a ladies' organization to make us some wheelchair bags and/or clothing protectors. The wheelchair bags need to be 14 inches wide and 10 inches in depth. They need to have ties on each side so they can be tied to a wheelchair. Bags can be with or without front pockets. They need to be made out of heavy washable material.

Clothing protectors are another great need. We use these items three times a day, seven days a week at meal times to protect our veterans' clothing from drink and food spills. We need these protectors to be made from the terry cloth type material. Some have made this from towels which are long and will cover the laps. They work wonderfully. They just need a tie on each side to tie around the neck or velcro to fasten around the neck. The color is not important. We will be appreciative to receive any color.

If interested or questions regarding either of these, please contact Sandy at 573-265-3271, Ext. 257.



## Welcome to Missouri Veterans Home

Myron Hase – April 3rd  
Walter Hansen – April 4th  
Clarence Requarth – April 11th  
Ronald Miller – April 12th  
James Mentola – April 18th  
William Neely – May 3rd  
Randall Jackson – May 9th  
Kenneth Bales – May 11th  
Travis James – May 15th  
William DuBois – May 17th  
Robert Zimmer – May 22nd  
Thomas Turner – May 30th  
Darrel Ragsdale – June 8th



## Weekly Morning Church Services

Main Dining Room — 10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

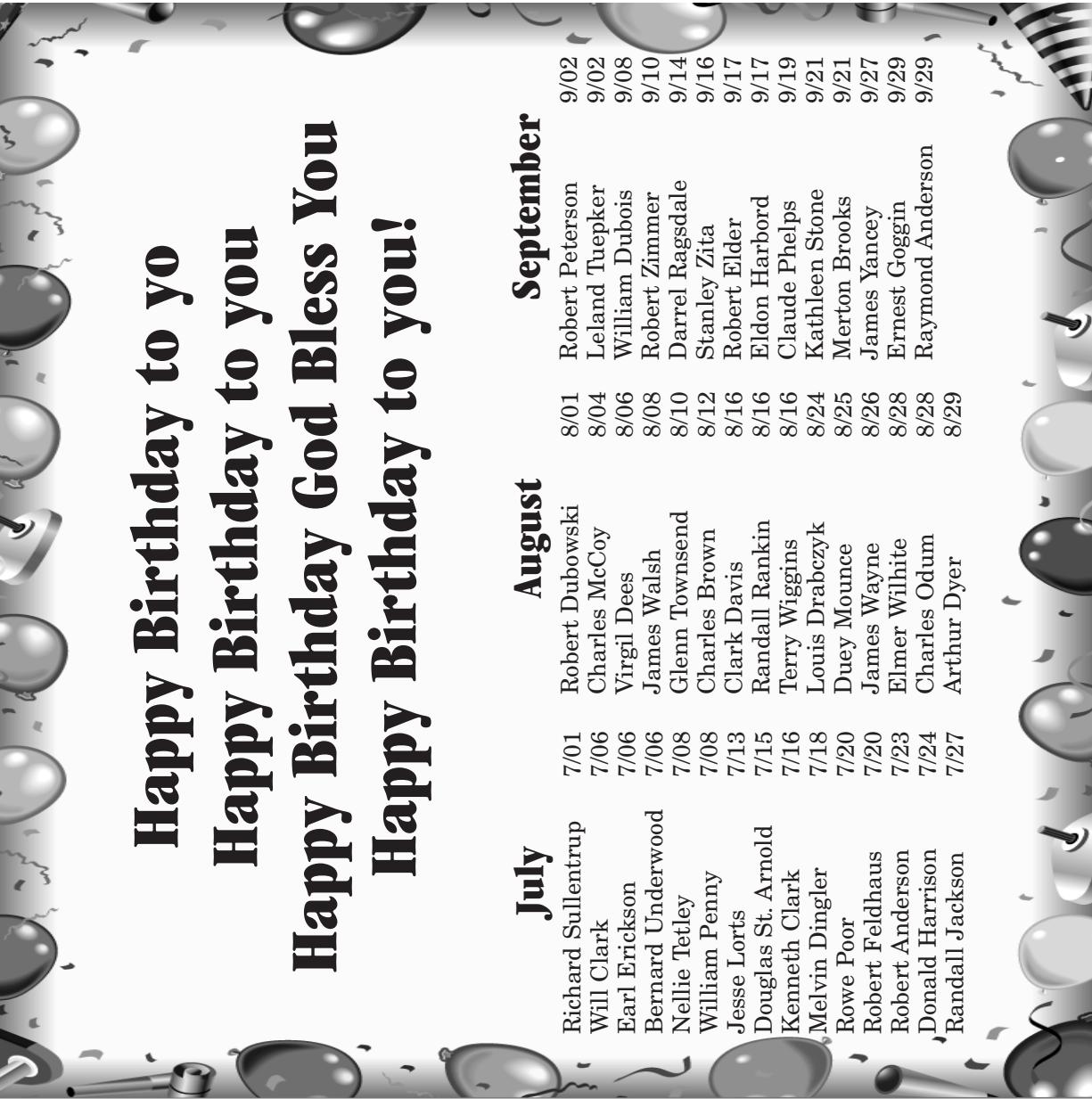
### September

July	August	September	October
5 - First Baptist Church	2 - Ralph and Nancy Theobald	6 - First Assembly of God	4 - Ralph and Nancy Theobald
12 - First Assembly of God	9 - Church of God	13 - Solid Rock Christian	Theobald
19 - United Methodist	16 - First Baptist Church	20 - Church of God	11 - United Methodist
26 - Solid Rock Christian	23 - Rock Solid Christian	27 - First Baptist Church	18 - First Assembly of God
	30 - United Methodist		25 - Ralph and Nancy Theobald

## Farewell Friend – John Kuzma

Thursday morning, June 15th was a very sad time for MVH residents and staff as they watched resident and friend John Kuzma leave the facility to reside at the St. Louis Missouri Veterans Home. John hopes his decision will benefit his family who live in the St. Louis area.

John came to live at the St. James Veterans home on February 3, 1999. He is a US Army veteran. John will be missed but not forgotten by the many veterans and staff whose lives he touched.



## TAPS

### Edward Davis

January 9, 1922 - March 28, 2006  
US Army

### Russell Kleinschmidt

July 20, 1921 - March 29, 2006  
US Army

### William Reeser

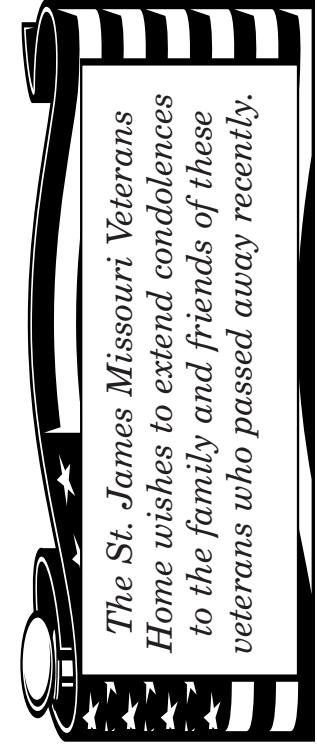
August 19, 1919 - April 9, 2006  
US Army

### Marion Roehrs

May 31, 1927 - May 14, 2006  
US Coast Guard

### September

July	August	September
Richard Sullenstrup	Robert Dubowski	9/02 Robert Peterson
Will Clark	Charles McCoy	9/02 Leland Tuepker
Earl Erickson	Virgil Dees	9/08 William Dubois
Bernard Underwood	7/06 James Walsh	9/08 Robert Zimmer
Nellie Tetley	7/06 Glenn Townsend	9/10 Darrel Ragsdale
William Penny	7/08 Charles Brown	9/14 Stanley Zita
Jesse Lorts	7/13 Clark Davis	9/16 Robert Elder
Douglas St. Arnold	7/15 Randall Rankin	9/16 Eldon Harbord
Kenneth Clark	7/16 Terry Wiggins	9/19 Claude Phelps
Melvin Dingler	7/18 Louis Drabozky	9/24 Kathleen Stone
Rowe Poor	7/20 Duey Mounce	9/25 Merton Brooks
Robert Feldhaus	James Wayne	9/26 James Yancey
Robert Anderson	7/23 Elmer Wilhite	9/28 Ernest Goggin
Donald Harrison	7/24 Charles Odum	9/29 Raymond Anderson
Randall Jackson	7/27 Arthur Dyer	8/29



# Missouri Veterans Commission Parade of Stars

**May 31, 2006 – Country Club Hotel and Spa, Lake Ozark**

The Missouri Veterans Commission held its first ever Parade of Stars on May 31, 2006 to honor and recognize dedicated employees from all job positions except CNAs and Department Heads from the seven Veterans Home across the State. (CNAs and Department Heads have had yearly recognition functions prior to this year.) Ten outstanding workers were selected from each of our seven homes and gathered with their Administrator and Central Office staff at the beautiful Lake Ozark Country Club Hotel and Spa for a day of honor, fun and learning. The day was planned and hosted by the Staff Development Coordinators of the seven homes dressed as movie stars of the past. Accolades describing the outstanding work and uniqueness of each star employee attending were read as that employee was escorted down the red carpet for a special gift. “And the winner is”

can’t change others but you can

accolade section of the program was a highlight for all. We have so many outstanding employees that were recognized that day- what a delight to hear the specifics from their supervisors and coworkers.

The main speaker was Brian Powers who demonstrated and spoke to us on the Power of our Mind. It was a most unique learning experience for all of us with lots of laughter and personal insight into the possibilities available to all of us if we are only willing to use it. In the afternoon we were inspired and rejuvenated as the stars from each home had center stage to share their perspective on how stars relax, how others can achieve stardom, how stars motivate others to stardom and words of wisdom for the group.

We learned that the five points in the star represent sensitivity, attitude, recreation, helping others and that the Veterans are our top priority. Words of wisdom included the fact you can’t change others but you can

motivate them to want to change themselves. Truly, Together Everyone Achieves More. To conclude the day, we had a power point slide presentation of the stars in each home at work in their area of expertise. What a way to leave this beautiful setting, honored, inspired, well fed, rested and motivated. These stars attending were full of gratitude too for the recognition. It was a grand day!!!

**Stars selected from our St. James home were:**

Brenda Acosta, Social Services Lisa Carter, Scheduler Regina Davis, Housekeeping Steve Davis, Maintenance Tammy Fielder, Housekeeping and former dietary Verlee Foust, Activities Lavada Oaker, Dietary Jerry Rose, Receiving and Supplies Carla Scantlin, Laundry Tammy Sieg Bonebrake, Medical Records



## Poker Run

**Saturday, August 5, 2006**

**Sponsored by**

**The Midwest Drifters Motorcycle Club**

**\$15 donation per hand or \$10 donation per person\***

**South side of I-44 Exit 163, turn east on Rt. Z to intersection of Teardrop Road.  
Look for the purple and gold.**

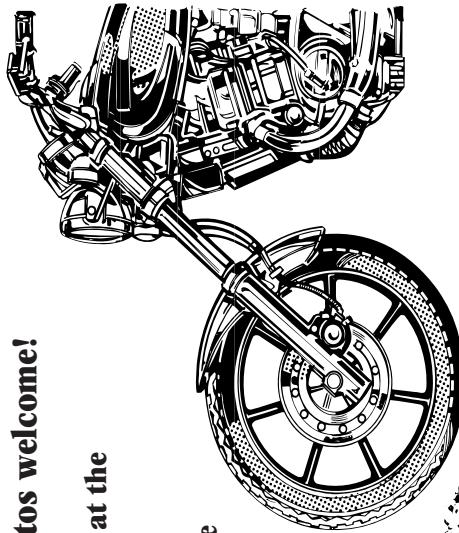
**Check in 10 a.m. at the clubhouse in Devils Elbow  
1st bike/car out at noon. Follow Rt. 66 to St. James**

**View the Travelling Wall at the Veterans Home**

**All motorcycles and autos welcome!**  
**Burgers, hotdogs and refreshments available at the clubhouse after the run**

**\*All proceeds of the poker run will benefit the Missouri Veterans Home, St. James, Missouri**

**Contact Brad 201-1609 or Tom 346-5899 for more information**



## Meeting Dates and Times

Resident Council meets the first Wednesday of each month in the Recreation Room at 1 p.m. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

The next Family Association Meeting will be July 26 at 1 p.m. in the Missouri Veterans Home Chapel. Topics include Abuse/Neglect.

## Change of address

Any change of address for veterans' family members need to be forwarded to either Linda Spurgeon, Licensed Clinical Social Worker at 573-265-3271, Ext. 254, or Brenda Acosta, Ext. 254.

Clinical Caseworker II at 573-265-3271, Ext. 259 at the time of the change. Thank you for your cooperation in assisting us with keeping your veterans' records current at all times.

## Staff Appreciation/

## Developmental Fund

If you would like to express your appreciation to the MVH staff, you can do so by contributing to the Staff Appreciation Development Fund.

These funds will be used to provide all staff an annual appreciation recognition, developmental incentives as well as special recognition throughout the year, such as the holidays. No one is obligated to contribute.

As gifts to individual staff members are against policy, many ask throughout the year what they can do to show their appreciation. This is one way you can do so.

Should you choose to make a contribution, make checks payable to MVH Assistance League and earmark your check Staff Appreciation. Please send to the attention of Sandy Pauley, Volunteer Services. Thank you!

## Notice to donors

If donated funds are not needed for the specific area or item in which you have designated within six months of receipt.

The MVH Assistance League Board reserves the right to move the donation to the MVH

Assistance League General Fund, unless otherwise directed by the donor.

Please note that the MVH Assistance League General Fund is utilized for the veterans and is used to enhance the quality of their lives.

## April, May & June Donations

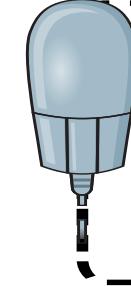
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2006 Golf Donors – see page 3 for complete listing

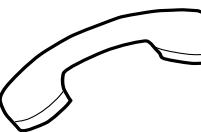
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- Sullivan VFW Auxiliary
- St. James VFW Auxiliary
- Cuba VFW & Auxiliary
- American Legion Auxiliary Unit 624 Zackwheat
- Department of Missouri Elks
- St. Clair Elks
- Rolla Elks
- Rolla VFW
- Rolla VFW Auxiliary
- Department of Missouri American Legion
- Department of Missouri American Legion Auxiliary
- VFW Post 5923
- St. James Christian Church Youth Group
- VFW Auxiliary Post 5923
- Anonymous donation
- Ladies Department of MO VFW
- Jackie Summers
- Richard and Sherry Hashagen
- American Legion Auxiliary Unit 218
- Charles & Vera Backman
- Ladies Military Order of Purple Heart
- VFW Post 10350
- Korean War Veterans Association
- Vera Yount
- Stan Stogsdill
- Sandy Rodman
- Licking VFW
- Licking VFW Auxiliary
- Potosi Elks

Please accept my apology if I have unintentionally left you and/or your organization off this list.

*Your donations were greatly appreciated.*



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